

Homecoming King, Queen crowned

By Robyne Brown
Staff Writer

Students elected Mera-land Jackson and Anthony Fletes as 2006 Homecoming King and Queen. They will return next year to present the 2007 King and Queen with a bouquet of flowers. Elected most beautiful and handsome were Amanda Willingham

and Anthony Fletes.

Other nominees were: Bethany Frank and J.R. Garen, Apache Band; Jes-si Blackstone and Scott Hayes, Apache Belles; Meka Anthony and Billy Hayes, Ladies Bible Study; Amanda Willingham and Eleazar Cortes, H.S.O.; Al-lexa Funk, I.S.A.; Preston Spencer, Kappa Kappa Psi;

Christina Ivey and John Grote, Las Mascaras; Lesa Jones and Luke Johnson, Phi Theta Kappa; Mera-land Jackson and Anthony Fletes, Student Senate; Amanda Seiden, Tau Beta Sigma and Princess Crow, Voices of Worship.

All nominees were an-nounced at the Friday noon pep rally and the top five men and women were also announced at Campus Capers. The King and Queen were announced Saturday at the game.

Campus organizations members and the students cast 589 votes.

Campus Capers huge success

By Kyle Lane
Staff Writer

On Friday, Oct. 27 more than 500 students gathered in Wise Auditorium to watch Campus Capers.

The talent show was divided into two divisions, professional and amateur. Winners of the Pro division were: first place, Apache Belles, second place, Candy Crocker's Jazz Class, and third place TJC Cheer-leaders.

First place winners of the amateur division were

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Courtesy photo
Pirtle Tech won the faculty, staff building decoration contest.

Building decorations display school spirit, pride

By Nathan Bailey
Staff Writer

Pirtle Technology Center won the TJC Homecoming Hall Decoration contest. Jenkins Hall took second place, while White Administration came in third.

Four years ago, the So-cial Activities Committee planned a poster contest to boost school spirit during Homecoming. The poster contest grew to a building decoration competition between faculty members. The Social Activities Com-

mittee's goal is to "plan an event to bring faculty and staff closer together," So-cial Activities Co-chairman Jeanie Brookshire said.

In celebration of TJC's 80th year, the com-petition theme was "80 Years... The Beat Goes On," Brookshire said.

The judging panel in-cluded Kim Sulser, assis-tant director of purchas-ing and central services, Provost Dr. Mark S. Es-camilla, Career Services

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Drug convictions compromise financial aid eligibility

By Scott Hays
Staff Writer

Across America this year thousands of would-be college students will not join their friends on campus, not because they have dropped out or have fallen below educational requirements, but because they have been convicted of drug offenses.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy has been working to overturn these penalties. They recently filed a class action lawsuit with the American Civil Liberties Union to challenge the constitutionality of these laws.

"Students are tired of having

their access to education destroyed as collateral damage in the War on Drugs," SSDP's Executive Director Kris Krane said. "For too long, the drug war has been waged supposedly to protect young people. However, we now know firsthand that these punitive policies hurt us instead. We won't allow this war to be waged in our names any longer."

Some SSDP college chapters are working to stop automatic expulsions from dorms and to eliminate parental notification policies of crimes or disciplinary action on campuses.

According to SSDP's web-

site, www.schoolsnotprisons.com, "The law disproportionately affects people of color. Because of racial profiling and discriminatory enforcement of drug laws, the aid ban keeps minorities out of school at a much higher rate than the general population. However, according to their own web sites, statistics do not show African-Americans and Hispanics use drugs at a higher rate than others.

SSDP officials say these laws hurt only students from low and middle-income families, the very same people federal financial aid programs are intended

to assist. SSDP does not want to consider the thousands of middle class American students, who work fulltime jobs, who do not do drugs, who do not commit crimes. SSDP is committed to making the grade and continuing on to better things.

Thousands of these students who could use this help do not receive aid. The average cost of tuition for four years at a Texas public university is \$64,800.

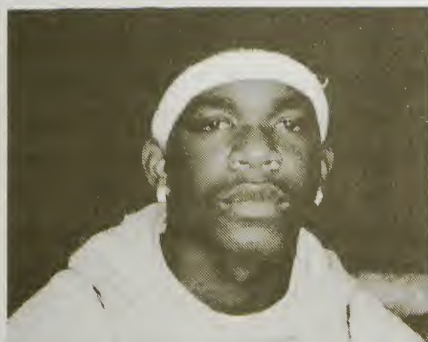
Automatic return of this aid only penalizes the real students who see others with partial or full rides spending their extra money

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Campus Focus

What is your favorite part of Halloween?

Business administration major Daruis Johnson said, "Tricks and treats, and the infamous amounts of candy."



Music theory and composition major Nathaniel Garder said, "Getting to dress up and no one can say anything about it."



Business administration major Marc Martin said, "The sights, sounds, smells, costumes and candy. I am just a big kid."



General studies major Baylen Lee said, "Because the cops are watching the kids' safety, they are not too concerned while you party with your friends."

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Lane named Vice President of Student Affairs

By Stacey Morris
Staff Writer

Dr. Austin Lane, TJC dean of student affairs, has a new title: vice president of student affairs. The title change is part of a de-

partmental reorganization which TJC President Dr. William Crowe began two years ago. This reorganization instituted three vice presidential positions: business affairs, external affairs

and student affairs.

Lane's duties will not change, nor will his office be relocated. He will continue to "get his hands dirty" working with students and advocating for them, he said. He strives to ensure that student affairs remains an efficient vehicle to get students "what they need."

Lane earned his bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Langston University in 1994 and his master of arts degree in human relations from The University of Oklahoma in

1996. He earned a Ph.D. in psychology from Walden University in 2003, according to a press release from Public Information Director Fred Peters.

Lane came to TJC one year ago as dean of students. His position now encompasses every aspect of student life, from health services and safety to residential life and discipline. "I am convinced that students who are involved in student life are more successful," he said.

Lane said he "never set out to be a vice president." His goal was to work with students to offer guidance and be a mentor "from orientation to graduation." He is happy that the reorganization and title change have given his department more visibility, he said.

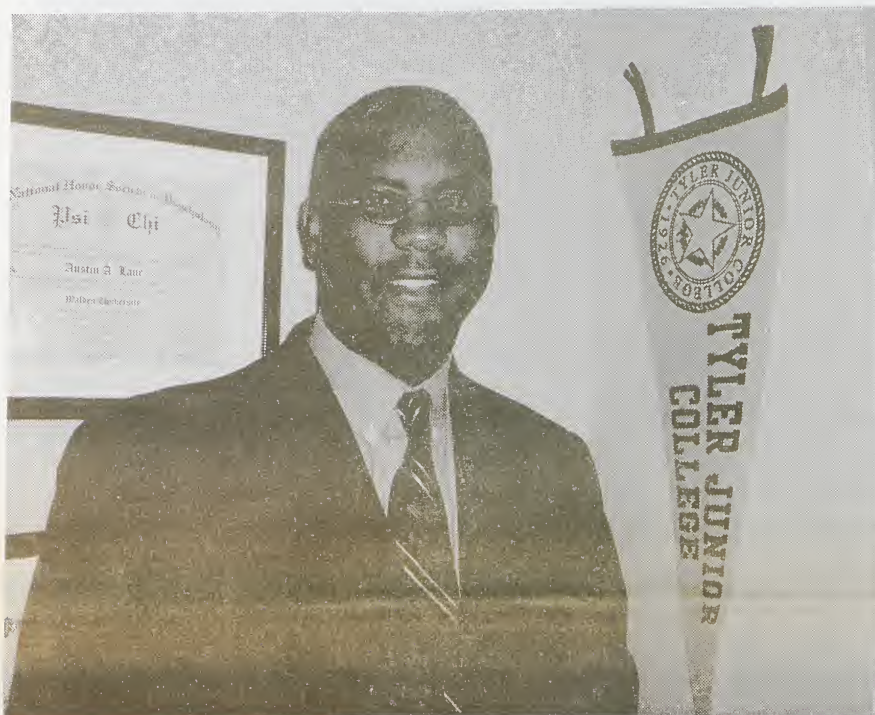
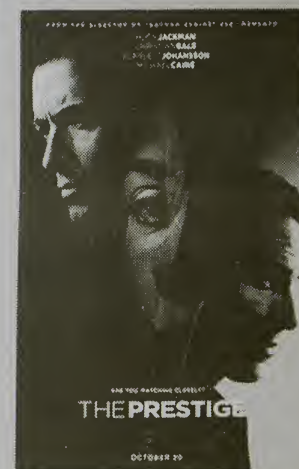


Photo by Stacey Morris

Movie Review



"The Prestige"

Director: Christopher Nolan
Actors: Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Scarlett Johansson and Piper Perabo

"The Prestige" is a story of two magicians, Robert Angier (Jackman) and Alfred Borden (Bale), who spend their lives seeking revenge on each other after Angier's wife is killed in an accident during a magic act. Angier blames Borden for his wife's death and, from that day on, the two are rivals. They go their separate ways, each obsessed with discovering the other's techniques. The movie focuses on tricks and schemes the two gentlemen enact on each other to fill their intense need to be the best. It is a period piece filled with suspense and unique twists that keep the viewer guessing until the very end. Overall, it introduces an exciting and much-needed freshness to movie theaters everywhere.

In theaters: Now playing

Online courses introduce new ways of learning

By John Mulder
Staff Writer

In recent years students have gained more choices in how they learn. The introduction of online courses gives both new opportunities and new obstacles for students and instructors, depending on their learning and teaching styles. Traditional classes may suit the majority of students, so only a select few will find they are sufficiently self-motivated to succeed on-line.

Online teaching enables instructors to choose when

they grade papers and distribute assignments. Their instruction method can stick to a more structured schedule than they might have in a traditional class.

"I can look at a student's work at a time that's more convenient for me," Economics Instructor Frank Rucker said.

Instructors face the difficulty of distributing course material while not meeting in a regular classroom. "There are some students who sometimes put off work," Rucker said. An instructor's teaching

style must be adapted to fit a nontraditional class. Instructors serve as a guide for self-instruction. With no lectures or classroom applications, the instructor must place faith in the student. "A lot of the responsibility shifts to the student," he said.

Students are granted the same limited-luxury as instructors. Their assignments are due on a deadline, but the student chooses the time to complete it.

"This is the most challenging part of an online-course – getting yourself

motivated to get your assignments in on time," Computer Applications Major Justin Murray said. "If you don't keep your assignments up to date, they can pile up really fast."

This pile-up serves as a warning to students who think they are not self-motivated. They must be to succeed in the on-line environment. A disadvantage is that students are unable to meet under traditional conditions and receive the human instruction they've become accustomed to in traditional classes.

Building decorations

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Director Bryan Baker, Brandi Murrell, student judicial program coordinator, Art Department Chairman Christopher Stewart, English Instructor Mandy Stubblefield, and students Anthony Fletes and Wanda Scott. Originality and creativity, use of theme, school spirit, wow factor and judges' choice were the five criteria for judging.

"Originality and Creativity" focused on creative demonstration of the idea and method using imagination. "Use of Theme"

judged the decorators' ability to depict "80 Years... The Beat Goes On." "School Spirit" paid attention to the decorations' expression of school spirit and Apache Pride. "The Wow Factor" considered the finished details in relation to the size and scope of the decorations. "Judges Choice" was the judges personal favorite decoration that stood out above the others.

A 0-3 point scale was awarded for each criterion except for "Judges Choice," which was worth two points. The entry with the most points won the competition.

Pep Rally well attended

By Katie Griffin
Staff Writer

Hundreds of students and faculty attended the Homecoming pep rally Friday on the Campus front lawn. Together the students enjoyed free lunch provided by Valley Services Inc., the drum beat working on the final hours before the Saturday game, the Band providing musi-

cal entertainment, Apache Belles doing their hip-hop routine and the Cheerleaders raising enthusiasm for the football game.

The TJC Homecoming Court was presented and those who won the building decorations were announced. November Roberts was named TJC Idol winner. See Idol, page 5.

Actress Geena Davis attends TMA event

By Katie Hall
Editor

Tyler seems a long way from Hollywood, but even so, Academy Award winning actress Geena Davis managed to attend the Tyler Museum of Art's "Little Black Dress" function Oct. 14. Guest of Honor Davis was invited as a fundraiser for the Museum. She met briefly with press representatives and helped with the TMA art auction.

Davis said she was honored to be invited for such a wonderful cause.

The actress has starred in numerous well-known films such as "Stuart Little," "Beetle Juice," "Speechless," "A League of Their Own" and "Thelma and Louise." Davis has also had her fair share of tele-



Geena Davis and TMA supporters Vernon and Amy Faulconer.

Photo by Chris Shepperd

vision appearances. Last fall, she was seen in ABC's "Commander-in-Chief" for which she received an Emmy Award for Best Actress.

"Tutors of the Month" recognized, rewarded

By Rhonda Gehrke
Staff Writer

Every month, the Learning Loft honors one tutor with the title of "Tutor of the Month." The candidates are nominated by their tutees, and elected by a random drawing by the Learning Loft staff.

This month, the honor went to Travis Heaton. Travis not only tutors history, writing and algebra, but also works as a lab assistant for the walk-in credit math lab and football and men's basketball study halls. He received dinner for two at

Joe's Italian Grill and a gift certificate for The Java Cup.

September's Tutor was Shannon Heard, who tutors history, biology, economics, math, algebra and computer applications. She is also a lab assistant for walk-in college prep math and computer science labs. She received a \$50 gift certificate to Benignans, and a free drink and pastry at The Java Cup.

Tutor of the month is featured on TJC's website at www.tjc.edu/tutorofthemonth

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TJC Step Team. Constance Cooper won second, and Bryant Huey third place.

First place winners received \$300 each, second place \$200 and third place \$100.

The event was emceed by Michael Raynor.

Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said, "It turned out very well. We had much more variety this year than previous years."

King and Queen nominees were announced at Friday's pep rally and at Campus Capers in no particular order.

King and Queen winners were announced at the Homecoming pre-game show.

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Drug Policy

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on drugs or the distribution of them. In Texas alone out of the 5.6 million students who applied for financial aid, only 15,026 were turned down for drug convictions. That leaves a substantial number of other applicants to give this aid to.

Those who choose to ruin their lives by buying

or selling drugs should not have the government pay for their incarceration and then for their education.

TJC student James Barnett called these claims by SSDP and other organizations, "completely ridiculous." Current student Andrew Chadick said, "These actions are an insult to good students. I for one do not do drugs, never

have never will, but because of my mid-to-upper middle class, non-minority status, I am unable to receive government-funded aid for college. If they have lost it, give it to those who really deserve it."

As much as SSDP and others would like students to think, they're not completely banished from school or financial aid. "In the major-

ity of cases, students retain their eligibility," Education Department Representative Valerie Smith said. Students who want to regain financial aid status can do so by completing a rehab program and enrolling in random drug screenings.

Some who are outraged by this policy, believe it's just a secondary "parent" trying to control their lives.

But when this "parent" is paying for their education with federal funds, they need to be held accountable.

Maybe mediocrity is your calling. Being average is okay if you have tried your best. But selling yourself short and losing an opportunity to further yourself in society because of a short-term high will undeniably lead to a long-term low.

New security door locks installed on campus buildings

*By Kyle Lane
Staff Writer*

Students and faculty members have begun to notice the addition of security locks on campus buildings. The project, which was proposed at the April TJC Board of trustees meeting, is being managed by Dr.

Austin Lane, vice president of student affairs. Their goal for the new locks is "to establish a centralized campus-wide card access system that secures and protects students, personnel, buildings and facilities owned and operated by Tyler Junior College." Assist-

ing Dr. Lane in this project are Campus Safety Director Randy Melton, Business Affairs Vice President Jan Hurst, Physical Plant Director Fred Carson and Brian Turman purchasing-central services director.

Every building on campus, except residential buildings, will be fitted with one electronic lock per building. This includes academic and administrative buildings. Pirtle Technology Center will have two card readers installed per section. Previously dorm locks have been controlled by residential operations, but with the new system Campus Safety officers will assume responsibility for managing the locks over the entire campus, as well as on West Campus.

"Using these locks gives us ensured key control so we can track after-hour usage. It also allows us to restrict use after business hours," Melton said. Doing so will help Campus Safety eliminate the use of all master keys and allow them to track after-hour use. The total project cost \$97,821 for these new security additions.

"How will the locks work?" many have asked. The single doors will lock with security latches from the inside, while the double doors will be fitted with magnets to keep them secured. All of those can be controlled and monitored by Campus Safety.

Once the project is completed at TJC and the West Campus, doors will

be programed to unlock at certain times each day and re-lock again after hours.

"We have the hardware installed, but the doors aren't online to our terminals yet," Melton said. "We're in the process of completing this project right now, and we hope to have it finished before the end of the fall semester."

"This is a major step to improve security in our buildings. It's been many years since our doors have been re-keyed," Melton said. Every door that doesn't receive new security hardware will be rekeyed for new locks. Each employee will undergo an approval process before they receive master keys for the new door locks.

Roberts wins TJC Idol

*By Tim Carista
Staff Writer*

The TJC Idol competition began Sept. 25, to raise money for TJC funds and the United Way.

Five contestants were left after the first elimination. Three more were eliminated Oct. 13: #1 Tim Gill, #3 Otis Webster and #6 Kim Sulser. That left two contestants in the running, #4 Kristy Magnuson and #8 November Roberts.

Due to popular demand, they added a "Buy a Vote," so TJC employees could buy extra votes for \$10 more. The last vote was accepted at 4 p.m. Oct. 20.

The Idol winner, November Roberts was an-

nounced at the TJC Homecoming pep rally Oct. 27.

At the pep rally picnic on the front lawn Director of Library Services Marian Jackson won two free plane tickets and Provost Dr. Mark Escamilla won a first choice parking pass. As provost, Escamilla wants to give the parking space to someone else. This may increase donations.

United Way and TJC Fund gained just a little over \$40,000 by the end of the competition.

"More money will keep coming in and people are encouraged to donate more," Fred Peters, TJC marketing and public information director, said.

Memorial to be held for TJC student

Justin Reller, 28, a pre-radiology student at TJC, died in an auto accident Oct. 13.

A Memorial Service celebrating his life is scheduled at 2 p.m. Dec. 9 at his home residence:

15071 CR 4018, Kemp, Texas. Visitation will be 1-5 p.m. that day.

The family requests memorials for a college tuition fund in lieu of flowers. Contributions can be made to the Justin Reller Memo-

rial Fund, c/o First State Bank, 1400 N. Corinth St., Suite 101, Corinth, TX 76208.

To contact Reller's mother, Lois, call 903-887-7691.

News Briefs

Hearing and vision impairment services provided for students

TJC Student Coordinator Margaret Rapp directs a highly-respected free program for students with learning and attention disorders, and visual and hearing impairments. Every semester students require these services which are provided at no cost.

They can use several different learning options including books on disk from publishers, and the recently added Kurzweil 3000 program. Kurzweil scans a book, then reads it out loud to the student.

They also provide accommodations for students who need more time on a test, or someone to read or write notes for the student. They provide separate quiet testing and ensure student-teacher confidentiality, Rapp said.

Apache camp-out attracts students

Camp Apache, a large campus-wide camp-out on the intramural fields behind the H.P.E. Center, opens 6 p.m. Dec. 1 and ends 9 a.m. Dec. 2.

"It is a time for on and off campus residents to come together and have fun," Student Activities Specialist Vincent Nguyen said.

Students can expect at least four hours of live entertainment with bands and comedians, rock climbing, bed race competitions, prizes and a free hot breakfast.

Registration begins Nov. 27 and closes Dec. 1. Students are encouraged to register early. Registration costs \$10 per tent which includes their lot and up to two T-shirts, Nguyen said.

College recruiters on campus

University representatives will recruit in Jenkins Hall by the double stairwell thru early December.

Stephen F. Austin State University representatives will recruit from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Nov. 9.

The University of Texas at Arlington representatives will recruit from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nov. 10, and again from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Dec. 5.

PTK to end Honors Seminar Series

Phi Theta Kappa will present the last of the Honors Satellite Seminar Series from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Rogers Student Center. The featured speaker, Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mohandas K. Gandhi, will lecture on "Lessons Learned from My Grandfather." Admission is free and open to the public. Contact Student Affairs at 903-510-2261.

Thursday, Nov. 16, 7:00 p.m.
www.GungorAtGrace.com

\$5 tickets available at LifeWay, The Scroll
 & the Grace Community Church office

Ministries provide places of fellowship

By Katie Griffin
 Staff Writer

TJC students can get involved in three campus ministries: the Baptist Student Ministry, Wesley Foundation and Association of Baptist Students. These groups offer students connections in a Christian environment, and a friendly place of hospitality where they can feel at home, make friends and grow in Christian faith. Each organization located just west of the campus on Baxter Street sponsors many events.

The Wesley Foundation serves free lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays. Methodists churches, such as Marvin Methodist Church, provide the food. A Christian coffee house offers free coffee, cappuccinos and lattes from 8 a.m.

to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Students can attend an open recreation night from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesdays. Worship occurs at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel and at 2 p.m. Thursday prayer services.

Director Dan Conway said Wesley Foundation has many core virtues, "where students can discover, discern and develop their place in God's world."

The Baptist Student Ministry serves free lunch at noon Wednesdays and Bible study from 8 to 9 p.m. every Thursday. Baptist churches in Smith County such as Green Acres Baptist Church support the BSM, sponsoring lunches every Wednesday. Director Mark Jones said, "The BSM exists to be a blessing to TJC campus because of its com-

fort, strength and how it's a good jumping off place for many students."

Association of Baptist Students serves free lunch at noon Mondays and Bible study at 7 p.m. Monday. The ABS provides students access to a library, DSL and an open cafeteria. Baptist churches in five counties support ABS, with Smith County being the major supporter. The churches provide food for the Monday meal.

This semester ABS is involved in a mission project to raise funds to send pigs to needy families in Mexico.

Director Keith Brown said he hopes students will attend the many activities and worship services ABS provides.

TJC Police Department protects life, property on campus

By Scott Hays
Staff Writer

"To serve the college community, protect life and property and to enforce the law." This mission statement demonstrates a joint community policing effort to prevent crimes within the TJC campus and respond to those that occur, Campus Safety Chief Randy Melton said.

The TJC Police Department consists of commissioned officers, guards and student cadets. Under the Texas Education Code, campus officers have full law enforcement powers and responsibilities as does any peace or police officer in the state.

These uniformed officers provide their services 24 hours a day, seven days

a week, 365 days a year.

"Rent-a-Cop" is a phrase some students use to refer to these officers. To their dismay, some students have discovered otherwise. TJC officers are empowered to make arrests, investigate crimes, issue traffic citations and carry firearms.

TJC Campus Safety also provide courtesy services including campus escorts, vehicle boosts and vehicle unlocks. Anyone on campus who needs such services can call 2258 before 5 p.m. and 2222 after 5 p.m.

"We are here for you. Yes, we are here to respond to crimes when they occur, but we are also here to prevent and provide a safe campus so when you're walking to class you don't

have to worry about your personal safety," Melton said.

Melton, who has served the TJC campus for the past nine years, previously worked for the Tyler Police Department for 21 years. He has a Master Peace Officer Certification from TCLEOSE and is a parttime instructor for the criminal justice department.

Other officers include former Smith County Sheriff Mike Mosely, 16 years of TJC service; former Smith County Sheriff Ron Scott with 38 years of law enforcement experience and Robert Tatum, new to the TJC police force, with three years of law enforcement experience and formerly a Deputy Constable.

The most recognized

face of the TJC police is Guard Jimmie Vickers-Dews. He has worked at TJC since 1995 and routinely performs the Le Tour De TJC on his bicycle.

Current student and TJC guard Chris Robinson has served TJC for one year.

The men of the night include Guards Cedar Vanderpot and Bruce Fowler. Vanderpot is a TJC graduate with seven years of law enforcement experience. Fowler is a former federal protection officer with 25 years law enforcement experience.

The men of the West Campus include: newcomer Bill Arnold and Carry Wofford, a TJC graduate and former football player. He played in the Junior

Rose Bowl and worked as a DPS officer for the State of Texas. These two keep the West Campus safe.

Graduation Deadline

By Stacey Morris
Staff Writer

Nov. 1 was the deadline to apply for fall graduation. Students who missed the deadline will have to wait until May 2007 to graduate.

The reason for the deadline is to allow enough time for diplomas and programs to be printed, Graduation Specialist Denny Yarbrough said. Exceptions are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

For more information, contact Yarbrough at 903-510-2709.

Residence hall waiting list grows, dorm construction continues

By Kyle Lane
Staff Writer

On campus at any given time from August to May, TJC houses approximately 600 students in eight dorms that are laid out around the college: Bateman, Sledge, Holley, Vaughn, Claridge, West, Lewis and Hudnall.

Living on campus costs about \$2,200 for room, board and Apache bucks, which are included in selected meal plans so students in dorms can grab a quick snack.

"The waiting list is long," Brett Manley, interim director of residential operations, said. "It's backed up to where we

have seniors in high school waiting for a place in the dorms." Manley laughed as he explained.

With the building of the new dorms on the east side of campus, students should expect to see enough room for approximately 450 more students.

Annually TJC receives 1,200 applications for dorm rooms, only 600 of which can be placed. Residential assistants occupy about 22 rooms.

The 22 residential assistants, who are also students, watch over those dorms. Common problems most RA's face are the recurrence of "lockouts" or

times when the students cannot find their keys to get into their rooms or situations where students fail to follow the "basic community guidelines" of respecting other students. Other disruptive situations include playing music too loudly in the morning, or disturbing others with noise levels.

RA positions are offered one semester at a time through interviews by the Residential Housing staff. Students looking for an RA position can download the application from www.tjc.edu or stop by the housing department to pick one up and pay a \$200 deposit for

their room to be held. If students leave TJC before they move in, half of their deposit is refunded.

Applications are taken in early November and right after spring break. Students chosen to be RA's are notified at the first of December or the beginning

of May. They earn benefits that include their room and board through a scholarship.

"New or transfer students should face no problems when applying because every student follows the same process for admission," Manley said.

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Family legacy lives on through TJC spirit

By Stacey Morris
Staff Writer

Homecoming 2006 had special meaning for three generations of the Echard family. In 1956 when Jane Echard, now Ferrill, enrolled at TJC, someone met her in the hallway and asked if she would be interested in becoming an Apache Belle.

After receiving her father's permission, Ferrill signed up, starting a legacy that has lived on through two more generations.

Her brother, Ted Echard, was an Apache Band member in 1959. "The Band has changed a lot since I was in it," he said.

Her sister, Flossy Echard Collins, became an

Apache Belle in 1962.

Jane and Jerry Ferrill's three daughters followed in family footsteps. Laura Ferrill Dacus attended TJC in 1983 and played in the Apache Band. Kathryn Ferrill Forester Knight attended TJC in 1985 and sang with the Acappella Choir. Allison Ferrill Wells attended TJC in 1993.

Forester's son Matt is now enrolled on a band scholarship, playing the trumpet. He plans to become a band director, his grandmother said.

Attending home football games is a family affair. Everyone really enjoys watching the football games, the Band and Belles, Ferrill said. This Home-

coming held a special significance, marking the 50th anniversary of this family's allegiance to TJC. All three generations "walked the rim" with other alumni, the Band and Belles.

"I believe being in the Apache Belles has given me an added measure of self confidence and self esteem over the years. I have wonderful memories of when I was in the Apache Belles," Ferrill said.

"I have always been proud to say that I was an Apache Belle, except around the grandchildren who would say, 'You mean they had a college that long ago?' Who would have thought 50 years would have gone so quickly."



Jane Ferrill as an Apache Belle in 1956.

Courtesy photo

A-H by Nature wins Championship game

By Dalfie Fraction
Staff Writer

The TJC intramural flag football league began the fall season with 18 teams, Intramural Supervisor Jonathan Pollard said.

Teams are: K.H.G, Thundercats and the Titans in Pool A, L-Town Posse, Texas G's and A-H by Nature in Pool B, Bird-dogs, Sharklips, Bateman Bucks and NWA in Pool C, Big Bodies, Bandnerds 2.0, O-H PEC and The Playmakers in Pool D and Free Agents, Bateman II, Whitie Tighties and the Go No wheres in Pool E.

The regular season ended Oct. 4. and playoffs began Oct. 11. The 18 teams had the opportunity to play

in the playoffs according to their pool records in an A and B pool tournament grid divided into nine teams.

Pool A teams were Birddogs, Titans, The Go No wheres, Bateman Bucks, Bateman II, Free Agents, KHG, Whitie Tighties and L-Town Posse.

Pool B teams were O-H PEC, Sharklips, NWA, Bandnerds, Texas G's, Big Bodies, Playmakers, Thundercats, and A-H by Nature.

The teams were evenly matched according to their wins in a sudden death, win or go home situation Oct. 19-24. From those 18 teams Pool A's winners were the Birddogs and L-Town Posse who played Oct. 24 and Pool B's winners were

Bandnerds and A-H by Nature who played Oct. 25

These four competitive teams went down to the wire and performed in an exciting match that led to L-Town Posse dominating over Birddogs 20 to 6 and A-H by Nature prevailing over Bandnerds, 21 to 14. This put L-Town Posse and A-H by Nature to play in the TJC intramural championship game Oct. 30.

The two teams played a vicious game that went down to the wire in double overtime. A-H by Nature won, making them the 2006 flag football champions and putting them in a regional tournament in Oklahoma City.

Students learn safety in rockclimbing course

By Robyne Brown
Staff Writer

The 8-week rockclimbing course taught by Jack Caddell, health and kinesiology department chair, enables students to get the practice and safety techniques they need they need to go out and climb. Caddell, who has taught this course for about 20 years now, said he enjoys it.

The majority of the class and tests are physical rather than class work. The students explained they must learn all of the safety precautions and techniques needed before they actually go out to climb. The safety

gear they wear while climbing includes harnesses, helmets and shoes provided by TJC.

Students have learned knots, safety procedures, lots of trust for one another, honesty and teamwork skills in this course.

"We do not take trips. We practice. It is not extracurricular - it is curricular," Caddell said. The rockclimbers will compete in a collegiate competition. They are very excited about doing so.

For more information about taking this course or participating in the competition, contact Caddell at 903-510-2788.